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Rommel

Throughout our life, people meet someone who touches and makes a difference in their lives. In my case, he was my previous English teacher in Aramco Industrial Training Center (ITC). His name was Rommel. As a new ITC trainee then, I was interesting why he was the favorite teacher for all of the students. I thought then, “Something is different in this teacher”. I remember so well, during our first meeting in his class, he had some sort of ambiguity. This was compounded with some more when he said “I am 51”. This was his response to my classmates' question about his age. His answer made us laugh, he was so young looking he could hardly be 35. Later on, we got closer and we started to talk up close and personal. Rommel was very young, he was only 31 then, yet he had already accomplished a lot. Before coming to Saudi, he was a university professor in Manila and Hong Kong teaching English and Journalism. After a while, I started to tell some of my secrets every time I had a problem. He was helpful. When he found out that I could success in college, he asked me to see him after the class. At that meeting, he gave me some pieces of advice regarding to education. However, there is one advice still ringing in my ears and like a candle in my mind, which is "education is your best weapon to battle the adversities in life". Truly, Rommel was a positive influence in my life. I wouldn’t be writing this paper today if I had not listened to him to value education. Then, I knew why he kept saying he was 51 years old, his experience and knowledge made him older.

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